

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ANTI SMUGGLING MEASURES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the smuggling activities on the Indo-Bangladesh border;
- (b) if so, the details of cases reported during each of the last three years and current year; and
- (c) the details of steps taken in coordination with the West Bengal Government and BSF to crackdown on smugglers cartels operating alongwith the Indo-Bangladesh border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) & (b): As per available information, the smuggling activities along Indo Bangladesh Border has declined during the last three years. The reported value of seized contraband goods are as under:-

S.No.	Year	Value (Rs. In Crore)
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1.	2006	107.81
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2.	2007	118.79
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3.	2008	100.50
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4.	2009 (up to 31.01.2009)	12.45
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(c): Government of India has taken following steps to check smuggling along Indo Bangladesh Border.

(i) Construction of border fencing and roads & flood lighting

(ii) Round the clock surveillance of borders by Border Security Forces which patrols both land and riverine stretches. BSF is working in close coordination with State Police and other Intelligence Agencies to stop smuggling and other trans-border crimes on Indo-Bangladesh Border.

(iii) Establishment of 1185 border out posts along Indo-Bangladesh border, out of which 802 outposts have already been set up.

(iv) Introduction of modern surveillance equipments including night vision devices, etc.

(v) Upgradation of intelligence machinery.